

Be the First to Choose!

All non-residential single site customers over 4 megawatts of electrical demand automatically receive the option of choice on October 1, 1999. Customers with less than 4 megawatts of electrical demand must sign up now to participate in the Customer Choice Lottery, which will determine who else gets the option of choosing their electricity supplier on October 1, 1999. IF YOU DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THE LOTTERY, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THIS OPTION UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2000. By signing up now, you **keep your options open.**

- All non-residential customer sites selected in one of the lotteries will **receive the option of choice on October 1, 1999.**
- All remaining non-residential customers will **receive the option of choice by December 31, 2000.**



Sign Up Now to have First Choice under the New Electric Service Law!



What the Illinois Electric Service Customer Choice Law Means to You

"The Electric Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997" was enacted in December, 1997 providing non-residential customers the option of choosing their electricity supplier on a phased in schedule. To understand what this means, let's look at two essential components of the electricity system:

supply
(the generation and purchase of electricity) and
delivery
(the transmission and distribution of electricity to individual customers).

The new law provides for customer choice of the supply portion of the electricity service. This means that in addition to the option of traditional tariffed services from ComEd, **customers** will soon be able to use ComEd's existing system of wires and cables to receive electricity purchased from competitive suppliers and other Illinois utilities. ComEd will continue to be responsible for the transmission and distribution of all electricity, regardless of supplier.



Keeping Your Options Open

- As competition is phased in, you can:
- 1) Elect another electricity supplier of your choice to supply your electricity on an unregulated basis. ComEd will continue to deliver your electricity on a regulated basis.
 - 2) Purchase electricity from your existing supplier (ComEd) under the Market Value Power Purchase Option (MVPPO), a regulated service that will provide electricity at a competitive market price. The MVPPO is designed on average to provide customers an approximate savings of 0.5 cents per kilowatt-hour or 8%, whichever is greater. Specific savings under the MVPPO will depend on your individual consumption profile.
 - 3) Choose to continue your existing electric service with ComEd. ComEd will continue to supply and deliver your electricity.

If You Choose Another Electricity Supplier, You Will:

- 1) Be able to buy electricity from another supplier, either alone or aggregated as a member of a group. Suppliers will deliver electricity to your premises via ComEd's existing delivery system. The delivery of power will continue to be regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC).
- 2) Purchase delivery services from ComEd. You may pay a transition charge.
- 3) Receive the same quality of delivery services whether you obtain your power supply from ComEd or another ICC approved supplier.

All single site customers with an electrical demand of 4 megawatts or greater qualify for Choice on October 1, 1999. No lottery is required. These single site customers must average at least 4 megawatts of demand during the six highest billing months between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999. New customers with a projected load of 4 megawatts, or existing customers whose average demand has increased to 4 megawatts, will also be eligible for choice. If you are a 4 megawatt customer, you may return the registration form to authorize the release of your name, address and/or rate classification to potential suppliers.

How It Works: The Customer Choice Lottery

The lotteries will be conducted by ComEd according to procedures approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). An independent accounting firm will certify compliance with ICC guidelines. All customers will be notified of the lottery results in July, 1999.

The following qualifications will help determine which lottery categories apply to you:

General Lottery Customers

- Customers must register.
- Any non-residential single site customer.
- Non-residential customers under common ownership with more than one site can choose to enter the General Lottery, but each site is enrolled as an individual entry. (You can list all sites on the registration form and check General Lottery.)

Common Ownership Customers

- Customers must register.
- Customers must have two or more non-residential sites under common ownership in ComEd's service territory.
- Common Ownership customers are guaranteed that sites comprising at least 33% of their annual kilowatt-hours will be eligible for choice.

Example: If you have three equal sites (33% each) you are guaranteed one eligible site.

Example: If you have four equal sites (25% each) you are guaranteed two eligible sites.

Commercial 9.5 Megawatt Common Ownership Customers

- Customers must register.
- Only non-governmental **commercial** businesses are eligible, not including mining or manufacturing.
- Customers must have a **minimum of 10 commercial business sites** under common ownership **within ComEd's service territory**.
- A 4 megawatt commercial site can aggregate with other commercial sites under common ownership to qualify for the Commercial 9.5 Megawatt Common Ownership Lottery. (The 4 megawatt sites will be eligible for choice regardless of the outcome of the 9.5 Megawatt Lottery.)
- Aggregate average monthly maximum electrical demand of all sites for the six highest months between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999 must equal or exceed 9.5 megawatts.

Commercial 9.5 Megawatt Common Ownership Customers Continued

- If selected, 100% of customer's load for all premises under common ownership will be eligible for customer choice.
- Eligible customers will be selected until the load of those customers selected reaches 3.5% of ComEd's system peak load.
- In the event of not being selected in the Commercial 9.5 Megawatt Common Ownership Lottery, you may request to be enrolled in either the Common Ownership Lottery or the General Lottery. (See registration form.)

Registration & Contact Information

If you have questions about the Customer Choice Lottery or would like to register, please call toll free at 1-877-PWR-PTH1 (1-877-797-7841) or visit the PowerPath website at www.comedpowerpath.com. You may also download a copy of the Law or address questions to the Illinois Commerce Commission website at www.icc.state.il.us. ComEd will attempt to resolve eligibility disputes informally and expeditiously. If necessary, these disputes will be handled through the Commission's informal and formal complaint processes.

CUSTOMER CHOICE TIMELINE

